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## Celebrating excellence in nursing care

The RCN Nursing Awards celebrate the very best in nursing care. There are 15 categories covering a wide range of specialties, including excellence in cancer research.

[Apply by 30 April](#)



## Strategic Research Alliance

A team of researchers from the University of Sheffield is working in partnership with the RCN to examine the care left undone, staffing levels, retention, and workforce planning among district nurses and community nurses.

## Research methods

The National Centre for Research Methods has a suite of online resources that are intended to help people interested in social science research methods. These include audio and video podcasts, as well as online learning.

[Complete the survey](#)

[View the resources](#)

## Research impact

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) has appointed Professor Ruth Endacott to the newly created role of NIHR Director for Nursing and Midwifery.

## Make a difference

Health and Care Research Wales invites expressions of interest from individuals wishing to become the chair of the health research grant funding board.

[Find out more](#)

[Apply by 14 April](#)

## Research funding opportunities

The following research funding opportunities are relevant for nurse or midwife researchers. Closing dates for May 2021 include the following grants:

- [Endocrine nurse grant](#), Society for Endocrinology, closes 5 May.
- [Catalyst award](#), Multiple Sclerosis Society, closes 25 May.
- [Seed grants for research](#), Barts Charity, closes 28 May.
- [Smaller research projects fund](#), The Urology Foundation, closes 31 May.

You can see more opportunities like these, including fellowships and help to attend conferences, on our research funding web page.

[Find funding](#)

## Practice development

The Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) is inviting applications for its inspire improvement fellowship programme. The aim of the programme is to develop a community of clinical leaders with expertise in facilitating improvement and culture change at the frontline of practice.

[Apply by 1 June](#)

## Career development

The Healthcare Improvement Studies Institute has launched a post-doctoral fellowship programme. The fellowships are an opportunity for exceptional early-career individuals to lead an extended period of research and contribute to the development of the field of improvement studies.

[Apply by 11 May](#)

## Research career pathways

The incubator for mental health research is one of a series of incubators established by the NIHR to build research capacity in priority areas.

[Find out more](#)

## Research impact

The NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme is seeking to appoint an adult nursing mental health specialist to its funding committees.

[Apply by 23 April](#)

## Clinical academic careers

The NIHR and Health Education England (HEE) Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) programme is intended for health and social care professionals (including nurses and midwives) who wish to develop the skills and knowledge required to undertake their own clinical research and progress along the clinical academic career pathway. The following regions have open calls:

- [West Midlands](#), closing date 10 May.
- [East of England](#), closing date 16 May.
- [South West](#), closing date 28 May.
- [East Midlands](#), closing date 28 June.

## Research support

The Research Design and Conduct Service - South East Wales is running an online workshop on preparing to write a funding application. This free event takes place on 29 April.

[Register](#)

## Research funding

Competition 30 of the NIHR Programme Development Grants is now open. These grants are designed to increase the rate and number of successful applications for a full programme grant.

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